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Mr. Steve Gunderson
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Dear Mr. Gunderson:

Enclosed please find a modification to the Decommissioning Operations Plan (DOP) for Building 779 (B779). This modification addresses our plans for the demolition of Building 729 (B729), a filter plenum building immediately south of B779. The modification includes discussions on the state of the building prior to demolition, environmental monitoring, work controls, and so forth.

We propose to decontaminate B729 prior to demolition such that it meets the free release limits specified in the B779 DOP, and to dispose of demolition waste off-site. We are submitting this document as a minor modification to the B779 DOP since, per Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) Paragraph 25as, this modification "does not constitute a significant departure from the approved decision document or the basis by which a decision was previously made or approved."

Per RFCA Paragraph 125, a minor modification to a decision document does not require formal approval from the lead regulatory agency, nor, by inference, does such a document require public review. We recognize, however, that there is considerable interest in the demolition of B729 on the parts of the regulators and the public. We are therefore releasing this document for public review for twenty-one days from the date of this letter, and will consider any significant comments received. We ask that your staff review this document within that timeframe and provide comments to us. We anticipate working with your staff to address any comments you may have prior to initiating the demolition of B729. The demolition of B729 will not begin prior to November 15, 1998, which we believe will allow ample time for discussion and resolution of comments in accordance with the RFCA consultative process.

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Please call Dave Nickless at (303) 966-5221 or John Rampe at (303) 966-6246 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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